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SUBJECT: MILITARY ASPECTS OF US-OMAN RELATIONS

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1. DEPT APPRECIATES YOUR TIMELY AND THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS
REFTEL WHICH WILL BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN OUR CURRENT
REVIEW OF THE WAY WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OVERALL US-OMANI
RELATIONS DEVELOP IN COMING YEARS. WE FULLY AGREE OMANIS
SEE MOMENT OF DECISION ON USE OF MASIRAH AS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO ASSURE A MORE FORWARD US POSITION IN OMAN. IN CON-
SIDERING QUESTION OF FUTURE USE OF MASIRAH, WE PLAN TO
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BROADER QUESTION OF OVERALL US SECURITY
INTERESTS IN THE AREA AND TO WEIGH CAREFULLY HOW WE MIGHT
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BEST CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE PROSPECTS FOR POLITICAL
STABILITY IN OMAN. IN THIS CONTEXT ANALYSIS REFTEL, AND
EARLIER EMBASSY REPORTING ON BUDGETARY PROBLEMS FACING
OMAN, HAVE BEEN HELPFUL.

2. DEPT HAS ONGOING NEED FOR YOUR ASSESSMENT AS SITUATION WARRANTS OF WHO IS CALLING THE SHOTS IN OMANI DECISION-MAKING, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO APPARENT TENDENCY OF SULTAN AND SOME OF HIS ADVISORS TO STRESS MILITARY MODERNIZATION WHILE OFFICIALS SUCH AS ZAWAWI EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE

OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND US SUPPORT THEREOF. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT GHAZALI, AS WE SUSPECTED DURING HIS SEPTEMBER VISIT, MAY NOT HAVE DEFINITIVE SUPPORT FOR HIS IDEA OF A US SURVEY OF OMAN'S COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND NAVAL REQUIREMENTS.

3. AT THIS STAGE AT LEAST WE DO NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE OMANI EXPECTATIONS THAT US MIGHT BE SEEKING A MORE ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE FIELD. WITH RESPECT TO SULTAN'S (OR LANDON'S) SUGGESTION THAT US MILITARY ATTACHE, PREFERABLY NAVAL ATTACHE, BE ASSIGNED TO OMAN, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE PLAN NO EARLY DECISION ON THIS PENDING RESOLUTION OF MORE BASIC QUESTIONS IN FUTURE US-OMANI RELATIONS AND MORE EVIDENCE THAT ASSIGNMENT OF A US MILITARY ATTACHE WOULD BE JUSTIFIED ON GROUNDS OF LIKELY WORKLOAD AND IMAGE WE WOULD LIKE TO PROJECT IN OMAN. ROBINSON

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